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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing for Archie Barrett, House Armed Services Committee Staffer, on the Soviet Chemical Warfare Capabilities

1. On 11 April 1985 Mr. Archie Barrett, House Armed Services Committee staffer, was briefed on the Soviet Chemical Warfare capabilities. Mr. Barrett was preparing an assessment for Chairman Aspin on the differences between CIA's and DIA's position. Analysts from the Office of Soviet Analysis, Theater Operations Branch [redacted] [redacted] were the Agency spokesmen.

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2. [redacted] opened the session with a general overview of our position and philosophy of why we differed with the DIA analysis. [redacted] followed with a technical assessment of the Soviet capabilities pointing out the basic differences as he progressed. [redacted] also interjected their views on uncertainties inherent to this type analysis. Major emphasis was placed on the Soviet operational policy and doctrine during relevant portions of the briefing.

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3. [redacted] fielded several questions on Soviet use of novel agents and R&D efforts which may impact on future capabilities.

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